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FREDERICK COUNTY RECEIVES ENERGY AWARD FROM STATE

FREDERICK, MD – The Maryland Energy Administration presented Frederick County with an award for its leadership in the Maryland Smart Energy Communities Program at an awards ceremony at the Maryland Association of Counties Winter Conference on January 7.

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner commented, "I'm proud that Frederick County is receiving this award from the Maryland Energy Administration. The Maryland Smart Energy Communities program has helped the county to set goals, evaluate progress and make investments in technologies that reduce non-renewable energy consumption and save on energy bills. Congratulations to our county divisions for their successes and to the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources that coordinates this program!"

"We are excited that Frederick County has committed to the Maryland Smart Energy Communities program," said Devon Dodson, acting director of the Maryland Energy Administration. "The choice to reduce fleet fuel consumption, energy consumption in buildings and increase renewable energy generation demonstrates that Frederick is actively preparing to meet the challenges of the energy future. Frederick County joins over 30 other Maryland communities that have exhibited leadership in smart energy management."

Receiving the Award on behalf of Frederick County from Acting Director Devon Dodson were Helen Propheter, manager of the Business Development and Retention Department; Pat Rosensteel, director of the Citizen Services Division; and Roger Wilson, director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Local governments that participate in the Maryland Smart Energy Communities program must voluntarily adopt energy policies in at least two of three policy areas -- energy efficiency, renewable energy, or transportation petroleum reduction:

- Energy Efficiency Policy - Establish an energy consumption baseline and develop a plan with the goal of reducing electricity consumption of city/town or county-owned buildings by 15 percent within five years of the baseline year.

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- Renewable Energy Policy - Reduce conventional centralized electricity generation serving a local government's buildings by meeting 20 percent of those buildings' electricity demand with distributed, renewable energy generation by 2022.
- Transportation Policy - A local government must establish a petroleum consumption baseline for all local government vehicles, and put in place a comprehensive program designed to reduce the baseline by 20 percent within five years of the baseline year.

In addition to adopting the energy policies, participating local governments must also commit to developing a baseline of current electricity and, if applicable, transportation fuel usage as well as an action plan to achieve each of the adopted energy goals within the required timeframes.

For additional information, visit the website for the [Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources](#).

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